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TRANSMITTAL FOR A NEWLY EXECUTED ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) for:

For:	IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE, ELECTRONIC CAMERA AND
	RECORDING MEDIUM FOR IMAGE ENCODING PROGRAM

- 1. This is a new [X] Utility [] Design [] Plant patent application.
- The papers enclosed to obtain a filing date are as follows: 2.
 - Pages of Specification including
 - Title Page
 - Pages of Claims 16
 - Page of Abstract
 - Sheets of drawings containing 11 Figures
- The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a PETITION TO [] ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)
- 3. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 - [X]Enclosed and is executed by all inventors.
 - Not Enclosed. []

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f). Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

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5. Assignment							
	[X]	An assignment of the invention to <u>NIKON CORPORATION</u> and PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.					
	[]	An assignment w	ill be filed at a la	ater date.			
6.	Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. §365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.						
	[X] Pı	[X] Priority of the following foreign applications are claimed:					
	Country		Application No.		Filed		
	Japan		2000-374217		December 8, 2000		
	Certif	ied copies: [X] is a	ttached. [] will	follow.			
7.	Priority based on provisional application(s) - 35 U.S.C. §119(e) [] Priority of the following provisional application(s) is claimed:						
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	A.	Relate Back - 35	U.S.C. §119(e)				
[] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application claims priority of copending provisional application(No							

8. Small entity status

- [] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 is asserted for the present application.
- 9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

Multiple dependent claim(SUB-TOTAL =	+0.00			
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	18 - 3=	15	\$ 84.00 each=	\$1260.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	34 - 20 =	14	\$ 18.00 each=	\$252.00
A subject political and a subj	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee Utility \$740.00 Design \$330.00

10. Fee Payment

[] Not Enclosed. NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.

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[X] Enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$2292.00 representing the basic filing fee of \$740.00, additional claims fee of \$252.00, additional independent claim fee of \$1260.00 and an assignment recording fee of \$40.00 is enclosed.

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11. [X] Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

12.	Additional	papers	enclosed	1:
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- Information Disclosure Statement
- [] Form PTO-1449, ___document included
- [] Declaration of Biological Deposit
- Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

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